

“Woman, Life, Freedom Europe” Association

Statutes of the Association “WLF WomanLifeFreedomEurope e.V.”

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The association “WLF WomanLifeFreedomEurope e.V.”, based in Cologne, Germany (Further branches in other EU member states will be added in the future), pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section “Tax-Privileged Purposes” of the German Fiscal Code (Abgabenordnung).

The purpose of the corporation is:

1. The general promotion of the democratic state system within the scope of this law; this does not include efforts that pursue only specific civic interests or are limited to municipal political matters.

This purpose is realized through:

1.1

Round tables, conferences, demonstrations, congresses, debates, exhibitions, surveys, seminars, film screenings, book presentations, statements, in-person and online courses, awareness-raising campaigns, and appeals for international support to put pressure on authoritarian regimes, especially the Iranian regime.

Targeted discussions with political decision-makers, trade union representatives, and international human rights organizations to inform them about developments in Iran and raise awareness.

2. Promotion of equality for all people who are discriminated against on the basis of their gender identity or sexual orientation, and the promotion of equality between women and men, especially for people in Iran.

This purpose is realized through:

2.1

In-person and online courses, awareness-raising campaigns, appeals for international support; campaigns in support of human rights and civil society movements, especially in Iran.

2.2

Targeted discussions with political decision-makers, trade union representatives, and international human rights organizations to inform them about developments in Iran and raise awareness.

2.3

Cooperation with other charitable and civil society organizations with similar objectives.

This cooperation may include: round tables, conferences, demonstrations, congresses, debates, exhibitions, surveys, seminars, film screenings of historical and cultural documentary films related to the association's objectives, book presentations, theatre and concerts, festivals and cultural events, film festivals, literature festivals, organization of trips and visits, academic events, support for cross-party political statements, press work, and related activities.

3. Promotion of assistance for individuals persecuted for political, racial, or religious reasons; for refugees, displaced persons, civilian victims, and persons with disabilities; as well as assistance for victims of torture and crime; promotion of remembrance of persecuted persons; support of search services for missing persons; and support for people discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation.

This purpose is realized through:

3.1

Legal, financial, medical, and moral support.

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4. Promotion of international understanding, tolerance in all areas of culture, and the idea of international cooperation. Preservation and promotion of relations with Iran and Iranian culture in its multicultural diversity.

This purpose is realized through:

4.1

Round tables, conferences, congresses, debates, exhibitions, surveys, seminars, film screenings, book presentations, statements, in-person and online courses promoting international understanding.

4.2

Theatre and concerts, festivals and cultural events, film festivals, literature festivals, organization of trips and visits, academic events, support for cross-party political statements, press work, and related activities.

§ 2

The corporation acts selflessly; it does not primarily pursue its own economic interests.

§ 3

The corporation's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in these statutes.

Members shall not receive financial benefits from the corporation's funds.

§ 4

No person may be favored through expenditures unrelated to the corporation's purposes or through disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 5

Upon dissolution or termination of the corporation, or if its tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the corporation's assets shall pass to “Amnesty International”, which must use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes. The association may be dissolved by resolution of the General Assembly, requiring the approval of 4/5 of the members present at the meeting.

§ 6

The foundation of the association's work is based on the principles of a free and democratic system.

The association supports the principles of religious tolerance, ideological diversity, and political neutrality.

The association firmly rejects extremist, racist, and xenophobic activities.

Membership in the association is open only to persons who commit to these principles.

These principles are immutable.

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§ 7 Membership

There are the following types of membership:

- Active Membership: Members who serve on the Executive Committees.
- Inactive Membership: Members who belong to the General Assembly but are not active in the Executive Committees.
- Honorary Membership: Honorary members may attend meetings and express their views but may not vote. Payment of membership fees by these members is voluntary.

§ 8 — Organs of the Association

The organs of the association consist of:

- Founding Assembly
- General Assembly
- Executive Board

Founding Assembly

The founders are the individuals who authored the original statutes and founded the association.

General Assembly

The General Assembly takes place once a year. It is convened by the Executive Board through written invitations sent to all members at least two weeks before the meeting, including the agenda.

Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened by the Executive Board or upon request by 20% of the members. These assemblies must take place within one month of the request.

Executive Board

The Executive Board is elected by the members at the General Assembly.

It consists of at least three and at most five members.

The number of board members may be changed by resolution of the General Assembly.

The Board must include at least:

- a Chairperson
- a Deputy Chairperson
- a Treasurer
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If more than three members are elected, two additional deputy chairpersons may be elected.

In accordance with § 26 BGB, the association is represented jointly by:

- the Chairperson and one Deputy Chairperson, or
- two Deputy Chairpersons together.

Term of Office:

Board members serve a term of two years and remain in office until a new board is elected.



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Resignation

Board members may resign at any time. Resignation must be submitted in writing with four weeks' notice to the Board.

The Board must inform the members of the resignation within two weeks.

§ 9 — Membership Fees and Financial Matters

The association's objectives are funded through:

- Membership fees
- Interest or gains from association accounts
- Income from events
- Financial support and assistance (governmental, municipal, regional, etc.), Support from civil society

§ 10 — Changes to the Statutes

The statutes may be amended if the General Assembly has been convened for this purpose in accordance with the statutes.

The invitation must include the proposed amendments on the agenda.

To amend the statutes, a quorum of 3/4 of all members must be present at the General Assembly, and at least 3/4 of the members present must vote in favor.

F§ 11 — Implementation of the bylaws

These statutes were adopted by the General Assembly on 12 November 2024, held online via Google Meet.

The statutes become legally binding upon registration in the association register.